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In re Patent Application of:  
Helke Hillebrand et al.

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For: IMPROVED CONSTRUCTS FOR MARKER  
EXCISION BASED ON DUAL-FUNCTION  
SELECTION MARKER

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Examiner: C. K. Worley

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.